



Closing Remarks: UNODC Perspectives

Panel: Community Response to Global AIDS Targets and Policy Change through Collaboration, Capacitation, and Action

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Perspectives from UNODC

- Overview of UNODC involvement in Our Rights, Every Body's Rights
- Highlighting the importance of drug user-led advocacy in achieving 10-10-10 and 80-60-30
- Initiatives in place/planned related to 10-10-10 and 80-60-30
- How UNODC works with communities

Overview of UNODC involvement in Our Rights, Every Body's Rights : UNODC Civil Society Group

- UNODC promotes meaningful engagement with civil society organizations and community-led organizations, and since 2013 it strengthened its partnership with the communities of people who use drugs by establishing the **UNODC–CSO Group on Drug Use and HIV**.
- This Group became an avenue for structured dialogue between UNODC and global and regional networks with a direct interest in drugs and HIV, allowing for greater cohesion, **more effective collaboration and joint initiatives**.
- UNODC recently established an informal **CSO Group on Health in Prison**, currently made up of 39 grassroots civil society organisations in all regions working to improve health in prisons.
- INPUD is represented in the CSO Group on Drug Use and HIV. This group consists of drug user networks **from all geographic regions**. UNODC has an **Annual Plan that is implemented together** with representatives of this CSO Group.
- UNODC supports INPUD in development of their activities and projects.



UNODC Grants for CSOs

- UNODC provided support to community-led organizations at national, regional or global levels to build their capacity and implement strategic activities through its grant giving program - HIV Grants for Civil Society Organizations.
- In 2021 UNODC gave grants for 15 CSOs from four regions within our three thematic areas:
 - HIV among people in prison
 - HIV among people who use drugs
 - HIV and law enforcement
- Unfortunately, a shortfall of funds has put this program on hold for 2022 and 2023; we are still looking for funding to revitalize this initiative.



Ambitious targets and commitments for 2025

2025 HIV targets



LESS THAN 10%
LESS THAN 10% OF PEOPLE LIVING WITH HIV AND KEY POPULATIONS EXPERIENCE STIGMA AND DISCRIMINATION

LESS THAN 10%
OF PEOPLE LIVING WITH HIV, WOMEN AND GIRLS AND KEY POPULATIONS EXPERIENCE GENDER BASED INEQUALITIES AND GENDER BASED VIOLENCE

LESS THAN 10%
OF COUNTRIES HAVE PUNITIVE LAWS AND POLICIES

People living with HIV and communities at risk at the centre

95% OF PEOPLE AT RISK OF HIV USE COMBINATION PREVENTION

95-95-95% HIV TESTING, TREATMENT & VIRAL SUPPRESSION AMONG ADULTS AND CHILDREN

95% OF WOMEN ACCESS SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH SERVICES

95% COVERAGE OF SERVICES FOR ELIMINATING VERTICAL TRANSMISSION

90% OF PEOPLE LIVING WITH HIV RECEIVE PREVENTIVE TREATMENT FOR TB

90% OF PEOPLE LIVING WITH HIV AND PEOPLE AT RISK ARE LINKED TO OTHER INTEGRATED HEALTH SERVICES



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How UNODC supports work with communities? Reaching the 80-60-30 targets

- Scaling up the community-led service delivery for PWUD
- UNODC values the unique expertise that community-led organizations and networks of people who use drugs bring and engages them in all aspects of the HIV response
- Through the UNODC-CSO Group on Drug Use and HIV, UNODC involves community-led organizations in programming the work of the Global HIV Programme
- UNODC facilitates the inclusion of community-led organizations in nationally led processes
- Through the grants programme, UNODC facilitates the activities of community-led organizations working in the sectors of drug use and HIV, prisons and HIV, and HIV and law enforcement
- Advocates for adequate resources allocation for sustainable community-led responses
- Community-led organizations are involved both as participants of case studies and resource points in the capacity building programs on stimulants and OAT and as participants in the trainings.

- **Pre-CND consultation** bringing together on **annual** basis academic community and community-led organizations to develop a joint message for the delegates at CND
- Based on the **UNODC Technical Guide** developed jointly with UNAIDS and WHO (*HIV prevention, Treatment, care and support for people who use stimulant drugs*), UNODC provided national and regional trainings workshops in many countries for implementing comprehensive HIV programme for people who use stimulant drugs
- UNODC HAS initiated the development of a **two-module e-learning tool** on HIV prevention, treatment, care and support for **people who use stimulant drugs**
- Recently UNODC supported “**Our Rights, Every Body’s Rights – Technical Assistance Module for Drug User-led Advocacy**” organized by INPUD in Cape Town, South Africa, on 12-15 June 2023.



Initiatives in place/planned related to 10-10-10 and 80-60-30

Development of **UNODC technical brief** on gender-based violence to contribute to achievement of 10-10-10 targets:

UNODC has developed technical brief on *Preventing and Addressing Gender Based Violence Against Women Who Use Drugs* to better support advocacy and awareness raising of the scope and scale of experienced violence and to document good practice responses that can be adopted by harm reduction and other service providers.

This technical brief will be launched during INHSU Conference in Geneva, in October 2023.





In South Africa:

- In partnership with the Global Fund and WHO, UNODC organized high level webinars to generate support for harm reduction
- UNODC trained 40 CSOs in Amajuba and Qwa Qwa with the support of SANPUD
- Trained health officials from the Department of Correctional Services
- Organized two study visits: one for correctional services and one for the SA delegation
- Organised training for members from the Local Substance Use Forums on the 14th of August
- Organizing a stimulants master training to 30 CSO representatives in Cape Town
- With CDA organised collaborative meeting to promote harm reduction and on the 2nd of August organised an interdepartmental meeting to promote harm reduction in SA.



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WHO USE DRUGS
AND PEOPLE IN PRISON

END AIDS

Thank you!



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